

WHAT IS IDLING?

Idling is the running of the vehicle engine at any location while the vehicle is stationary.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH IDLING?

1. It dirties the air;
2. Contributes to significant adverse health impacts; and
3. Wastes fuel.



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE POTENTIAL ADVERSE HEALTH IMPACTS?

- Eye and respiratory irritation;
- Enhanced respiratory allergic reactions;
- Asthma exacerbation; and
- Cancer.

THE SOLUTION

California law now limits diesel-fueled commercial motor vehicle idling.

WHO'S AFFECTED BY THE NEW REGULATION?

Operators of diesel-fueled commercial motor vehicles that weigh more than 10,000 pounds while operating in California.



WHAT DOES THE LAW REQUIRE?

The 5 minute idling rule

Drivers may not idle their engines for more than 5 minutes at any location (please see "When is idling Allowed").

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF LIMITING IDLING BY DIESEL-FUELED COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES?

1. Reduce exposure to diesel particulate matter and other harmful toxic air contaminants;
2. Reduce risk of cancer and other adverse health effects;
3. Reduce other environmental contamination, such as oxides of nitrogen (Nox) and diesel particulate matter emissions.
4. Improve overall air quality; and
5. Reduce fuel consumption and vehicle operating costs.



WHEN IS IDLING ALLOWED?

Idling is allowed under certain circumstances. For example:

- A bus idling for up to 10 minutes prior to passenger boarding, or when passengers are onboard;
- Idling of the main engine during sleeping or resting in a sleeper booth beyond 100 feet from any restricted area (homes and schools);
- Idling when the vehicle must remain motionless due to traffic conditions;
- Idling when the vehicle is queuing that at all times is beyond 100 feet from any restricted area;
- Idling to verify safe operating condition;
- Idling is mandatory for testing, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes;
- Idling when positioning or providing power for equipment that is performing work;
- Idling when operating defrosters, heaters, air conditioners or other equipment to prevent a safety or health emergency;
- Idling by authorized emergency vehicles;
- Idling of military tactical vehicles during periods of training.
- See regulation for details*

*For the text of the regulation, visit
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/idling/regtext.htm>
CAP-05-038

HOW DO I REPORT AN IDLING VIOLATION?

You may report a suspected violation by:

- Submitting an online complaint at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/enf.htm>
- Calling the ARB at 1-800-END-SMOG
- Contacting your local air pollution control or air quality management district at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/capcoa/roster.htm>

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Air Resources Board Complaint Form for Idling Commercial Vehicle". It includes fields for "Vehicle Type" (Heavy-Duty Bus, Heavy-Duty Truck, Other Heavy-Duty Vehicle), "Vehicle Number", "Observed Date", "Observed Time", "Location", "Approximate Year of Vehicle", and a section for "Number of Complaints you may voluntarily include your contact information". There are also buttons for "Submit Complaint" and "Print Form".

WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE?

The driver of the vehicle is subject to a minimum civil penalty of \$100 and possible criminal penalties, as specified in the Health and Safety Code.

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